

Capsule Summary

Name of Property: Montgomery Street Historic District
MIHP number: PG:LAU-1-21
Location: Between Washington Boulevard and Eleventh Street and Main and Montgomery Streets
Laurel, Prince Georges County, Maryland 20707
Date of Construction: Various
Access: Public and private

Property Description: The Montgomery Street Historic District is the largest locally designated historic district in Laurel. Largely residential, the district extends, roughly, from Washington Boulevard on the southeastern end to Eleventh Street on the northwestern end and from the back of the properties on Main Street on the northeast to the back of the properties along Montgomery Street on the southeast. The properties on both sides of the numbered, or side, streets between Main Street and Montgomery Street are included as well. The tree-lined streets are generally straight, with the side streets running perpendicular to them in a northeastern to southwestern direction. The lots and houses are moderate in size on Montgomery Street, with the lots and houses on Prince George Street narrower and smaller. Most lots have tended grass lawns with ornamental shrubbery. Several apartment buildings and multiple family residences are in the district as well as duplex houses and several rows of attached townhouse units. The district's other building types include educational, community, and religious, in the form of the Laurel Armory, Laurel High School, several churches, a union hall, the St. Vincent Pallotti High School, the Laurel Boys and Girls Club, and several retail stores and businesses.

Summary Paragraph on History: The land included in the Montgomery Street Historic District once belonged to a few of the founding members of the mill town of Laurel, including Dr. Theodore Jenkins and Horace Capron. The lands south of Main Street were sold to several successive owners from the 1850s through the 1870s, such as the Cronmiller sisters and Thomas Jefferson Talbott. Following their ownership, the large tracts were subsequently sold to land speculators and developers, namely the partnership of Kemp and Gorman, followed by Shaffer and Gorman. The Cronmiller sisters also formed a partnership with businessmen, subdividing their land and selling off the lots. The landowners subdivided the land, constructed streets, and sold the parcels to individual owners, who gradually constructed their homes in the newly fashionable neighborhood along Montgomery Street, Prince George Street, and the side streets. The neighborhood continued to develop into the 20th century, with the addition of schools, a church and an armory. Today, it is a thriving residential community filled with a large yet cohesive and harmonious collection of late 19th-century and early 20th-century residential buildings.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Historic District No. 5
other Montgomery Street Historic District (preferred)

2. Location

street and number Both sides of Montgomery Avenue and Prince George Street and side streets ___ not for publication
city, town Laurel ___ vicinity
county Prince Georges

3. Owner of Property

name Multiple owners
street and number telephone
city, town state zip code

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Tax Department website liber multiple folio multiple
city, town Laurel tax map A-0848 tax parcel tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ___ Contributing Resource in National Register District
___ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
___ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
___ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
___ Recorded by HABS/HAER
___ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
___ Other: _____

6. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Current Function | Resource Count |
|--|--|--|-----------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | Contributing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade | Noncontributing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> defense | 192 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic | 37 buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | | <input type="checkbox"/> education | 2 sites |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> funerary | structures |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> government | objects |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> health care | 192 |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | 39 Total |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape | |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture | |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> social | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: | |

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

| | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> altered |

Paragraph Summary

The Montgomery Street Historic District is the largest locally designated historic district in Laurel. Largely residential, the district extends, roughly, from Washington Boulevard on the southeastern end to Eleventh Street on the northwestern end and from the back of the properties on Prince George Street on the north to the back of the properties along Montgomery Street. The properties on both sides of the numbered, or side, streets between Main Street and Montgomery Street are included as well. The tree-lined streets are generally straight, with the side streets running perpendicular to them in a northeastern to southwestern direction. The lots and houses are moderate in size on Montgomery Street, with the lots and houses on Prince Georges Street being narrower and smaller. Most lots have tended grass lawns with ornamental shrubbery. The Montgomery Street Historic District contains a total of 231 resources and 192, or over 83%, contribute to the district. Several apartment buildings and multiple family residences are in the district as well as duplex houses and several rows of attached townhouse units. The district's other building types include the Laurel Armory, Laurel High School, several churches, a union hall, the St. Vincent Pallotti High School, the Laurel Boys and Girls Club and several retail stores and businesses.

Comprehensive Description

Montgomery Street – General Description

Montgomery Street is a tree-lined street with mostly residential dwellings on both sides. It extends, roughly, from the northwestern side of Washington Boulevard to the northwestern side of Eleventh Street. The southeastern half of the district contains almost all single-family houses on moderate-sized lots, with grass and landscaped lawns. The central section of the street contains the Laurel Elementary School, the Laurel Armory, the Laurel Boys and Girls' Club (formerly the Laurel High School), St. Mary of the Mills Church and schools (initially a Jesuit Mission from Georgetown University in Washington D.C.), and the St. Vincent Pallotti High School (on the grounds of the former St. Mildred's Academy). The street's northwestern end contains mostly single-family residential dwellings, a union hall (in the former fire company building), and several neighborhood businesses, such as a retail kitchen center, a bicycle repair shop, and a cleaner business. Two churches also are located on Montgomery Street. There is visual continuity on both sides of the street, with houses having similar lot sizes, building sizes, setbacks, and roof heights.

On the southeastern end, where the former Gorman, Phelps, and Shaffer tract of land was located, the lots and houses are larger, reflecting the growing wealth that the business class had in the beginning of the 20th century. In the middle section and northwestern section, the lots and houses are smaller.

According to tax records, the houses along Montgomery Street were constructed between 1860 and 2002. The street displays a mix of architectural styles representing all decades of the neighborhood's development in the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries. Especially noticeable, however, is the large number of dwellings that were constructed in the 1890s through 1920, with a large number of the houses representing the Queen Anne style. Repeating features of the dwellings are the height, usually 2 or 2 ½ stories, and the width, ranging from 3 to 5 bays. The dwellings are either front-gabled with projecting front porches or front-gabled wing and ell houses, with projecting wraparound porches. Other prominent styles in the district are 2-story Colonial Revival-style homes, with side-gabled or gambrel roofs; Craftsman-style bungalows, with wide, integral front porches; and American Foursquare-style houses, with their pyramid roofs and front dormers. Several Italianate duplexes can be found on Prince George and Montgomery Street, and a long row of attached Italianate-style townhouses sits on Ninth Street between Montgomery and Main Street. The table below describes each resource on Montgomery Street.

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Montgomery Street - Northeastern Side

| Address | Building Type | Construction Date | Brief Description | Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC) |
|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|---|--|
| 305 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1917 | Craftsman bungalow, 1-story, hipped roof, dormer | C |
| 311 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1947 | Col. Rev. (modified), s-tory, 5-bay, hipped roof | C |
| 313 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1948 | Tudor Rev. 2-story, 5-bay, brick and stone veneer, gabled roofs | C |
| 315 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1938 | Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled | C |
| 317 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1910 | Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, cross-gabled | C |
| 321 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1910 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled | C |
| 323 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1920 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |
| 325 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1910 | Gothic Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, cross gable | C |
| 327 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1879 | Folk Victorian, 2-story, 6-bay, porch | C |
| 333 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1860 | Vernacular, 3-bay, 2-story, side-gabled | C |
| 335 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1927 | Craftsman, 1 1/2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled | C |
| 337 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1949 | Tudor Rev., 1-story, 4-bay, brick, front-gabled | C |
| 401 Montgomery Street | Dwelling-apts. | 1920 | Vernacular, 2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled | C |
| 405 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1922 | American Foursquare, 1 1/2 story, 2-bay, pyramid roof | C |
| 407 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1924 | Craftsman bungalow, 1 1/2 story, 3-bay, shed dormer | C |
| 409 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1922 | Craftsman bungalow, 1 1/2 story, 3-bay, shed dormer | C |
| 411 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1917 | Craftsman bungalow, 1 1/2 story, 3-bay, shed dormer | C |
| 413 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1889 | Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled | C |
| 415 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1922 | Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled | C |
| 417 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1988 | Craftsman bungalow, 2-story, 2-bay, enclosed porch | C |
| 419 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1933 | Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, brick, side-gabled | C |
| 421 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1980 | New construction | NC |
| 501 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1977 | New construction | NC |
| 503A Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1977 | New construction | NC |
| 503 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1977 | New construction | NC |
| 505 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1977 | New construction | NC |
| 505A Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1977 | New construction | NC |
| 507 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1977 | New construction | NC |
| 507A Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1977 | New construction | NC |
| 507B Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1977 | New construction | NC |

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|---|--|
| 509 Montgomery Street | Dwelling-apts. | 1957 | Vernacular, 2-story, 3-bay, brick, pyramid roof | C |
| 511 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1900 | Qu. Anne, 2 ½ story, 3-bay, front-gabled | C |
| 513 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1947 | Cape Cod, 1 ½ story, 3-bay, side-gabled | C |
| 515 Montgomery Street | Dwelling (into apts) | 1910 | Qu. Anne, 2 ½ story, 3-bay, hipped roof | C |
| 517 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1900 1945 on list | Qu. Anne, 2 ½ story, enclosed porch, side-gabled | C |
| 601 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1909 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 5-bay, front-gabled | C |
| 605 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1900 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front gabled, wrap porch | C |
| 607 Montgomery Street | Dwelling-apts | 1956 | Vernacular, 2-story, 5-bay, brick, flat roof | C |
| 611 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1913 | Vernacular, 2 story, 2-bay, altered | C |
| 613 Montgomery Street | Church | Ca. 1900 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, front-gabled, formed stone walls | C |
| 615 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1871 | Gothic Rev., 2-story, 5-bay, cross-gabled | C |
| 617 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1900 | Gothic Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, cross-gabled, enclosed porch | C |
| 817 Montgomery Street | Dwelling/Barber shop | 1933 | Vernacular, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled, additions, very altered | C |
| 821 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 2001 | New construction | NC |
| 825- 827 Montgomery Street | Dwelling-duplex | 1895 | Italianate, 2-story, 2-bay, stucco (825), brick (827), front addition, brackets and cornice | C |
| 901 Montgomery Street | Union hall (former fire house) | 1954 | Vernacular, former fire house, 2-story, brick, flat roof | C |
| 909 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1933 | Craftsman bungalow, 1 ½ story, 4-bay, broad roof over porch, original windows | C |
| 911 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1933 | American Foursquare, 1 ½-story, 3-bay, pyramid roof, dormer, original windows | C |
| 913 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1933 | Craftsman bungalow, 1 ½-story, 5-bay, hipped roof, porch, broad roof, original brackets, exposed rafters | C |
| 915 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1928 | Craftsman Bungalow, 1 ½-story, 5-bay, hipped roof, porch, broad roof, original brackets, windows, exposed rafters | C |
| 919 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1933 | Craftsman Bungalow, 1 ½-story, 4-bay, hipped roof, original porch, exposed rafters | C |
| 921-923 Montgomery | Dwelling-duplex | 1893 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled, | C |

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| Street | | | porch | |
| 925 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1893 | Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled, porch, | C |
| 927 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1898 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, porch, orig. wood trim and German siding, front-gabled wing and ell | C |
| 929 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1898 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 4-bay, porch, front-gabled wing and ell | C |
| 931 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1903 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch, fishscales in gable | C |
| 933 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1875 | Folk Victorian, 2-story, 5-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, original windows and doors, wrap porch | C |
| 1001 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 2001 | New construction | NC |
| 1005 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1860 | Gothic Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, cross-gabled, porch | C |
| 1007 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1893 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 2-bay, porch, original windows and trim | C |
| 1009 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1888 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell | C |
| 1011 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1888 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 2-bay, porch added | C |

Montgomery Street – Southwestern side

| Address | Building Type | Construction Date | Brief Description-Architectural Style | Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC) |
|------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---|--|
| 304 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1918 | Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled | C |
| 306 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1900 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled, gambrel dormer | C |
| 306A Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1900 | Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, brick | C |
| 308 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1926 | Col. Rev. 2 ½-story, 3-bay, gambrel roof | C |
| 314 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1924 | American 4-Square, 2-story, 2-bay, pyramid roof, dormer | C |
| 316 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1914 | Qu. Anne, 2 ½ story, 2-bay, clipped roof | C |
| 318 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1879 | Qu. Anne, 2 ½ story, 2-bay, dormer added | C |
| 320 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1910 | Qu. Anne, 2 ½ story, 3-bay, addition, clipped roof | C |
| 322 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1910 | Qu. Anne, 2 ½ story, 2-bay, front-gabled, clipped roof | C |
| 324 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1889 | Qu. Anne, 2 ½-story, 2-bay, front-gabled, clipped roof | C |

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|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--|--|
| 328 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1914 | American Foursquare, 2-story, 2-bay, pyramid roof, dormer | C |
| 332 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1878 | Gothic Rev., 2-story, 2-bay, cross-gabled, wrap porch | C |
| 336 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1914 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 5-bay, front-gabled, wrap porch | C |
| 400 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1884 | Folk Victorian, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, porch | C |
| 404 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1888 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, porch | C |
| 408 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1864 | Folk Victorian, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, porch | C |
| 412 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1919 | American Foursquare, 2-story, 2-bay, pyramid, dormer | C |
| 414 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1925 | Ranch, 1-story | C |
| 416 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1917 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |
| 418 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1889 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled | C |
| 420 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1924 | Col. Rev. 2-story 3-bay, gable-roof, dormer | C |
| 422 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1920 | Vernacular, 2-story, 7-bay, parapet roof, brick | C |
| 518B Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 2003 | New construction | NC |
| 518A Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 2003 | New construction | NC |
| 520 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1900 | Italianate, 2-story, glass storefront, flat roof, cornice and brackets | C |
| 600 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1925 | Ranch, 1-story | NC |
| 602 Montgomery Street | Retail store | 1947 | Commercial, 2-story, 3-bay, brick, glass storefront | C |
| 606 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1900 | Gothic Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, brick, cross-gabled | C |
| 608-610 Montgomery Street | Dwelling-duplex | 1900 | Italianate, 2-story, 4-bay, cornice, brackets, | C |
| 612-614 Montgomery Street | Dwelling-duplex | 1945 | Vernacular, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled | NC |
| 616 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 2002 | New construction | NC |
| 618 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 2002 | New construction | NC |
| 620 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | Ca. 2000 | New construction | NC |
| 700A-B Montgomery Street | Dwelling-duplex | 1955 | Vernacular, 2-story, 4-bay, brick, flat roof | NC |
| 700 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1900 | Co. Rev., 2-story, 2-bay, pyramid roof, porch | C |
| 702 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1900 | Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled | C |
| 704 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1900 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 2-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, porch | C |

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|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| 706 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1900 | Qu. Anne, 2-bay, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell | C |
| 708 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1900 | Qu. Anne, 2-bay, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell | C |
| 710 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1900 | Col. Rev., 2 ½-story, 3-bay, dormers | C |
| 900 Montgomery Street | Store | 1893 | Italianate, 2-story 3-bay, altered, cornice and bracket | C |
| 904 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1870 | Italianate, 2-story, 2-bay, flat roof, porch | C |
| 906 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1900 | Italianate, 2-story, 3-bay, flat roof, cornice and bracket | C |
| 910 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1935 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 2-bay, front-gabled, porch | C |
| 912 Montgomery Street | Dwelling into retail store | 1910 | Vernacular, 2-story, 3-bay, front gable added to house, house obscured | NC |
| 914 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1930 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell | C |
| 916 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1890 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |
| 920 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1930 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |
| 924 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1900 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |
| 928 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1890 | Qu. Anne, 2 story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch, original trim | C |
| 930 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1890 | Qu. Anne, 2 story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |
| 932 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1888 | Qu. Anne, 2 story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |
| 934 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 2003 | New construction | NC |
| 1100 Montgomery Street | Dwelling | 1947 | Tudor. Rev., 1 ½ story, 4-bay, brick | C |

Prince George Street – General Description

Prince George Street is a tree-lined street extending from the northwestern side of Washington Boulevard to the southeastern side of Seventh Street and consisting of mostly residential dwellings. This part of the district represents a homogenous group of dwellings, with similar lot sizes, building sizes, building setbacks, and rooflines. The dwellings on both sides of the street are modestly-sized houses of approximately 1,350 to 1,700 square feet in size on narrow, well-maintained lots ranging in size from approximately one-tenth to one-fifth of an acre. Although much of the land along Prince George Street was subdivided in the 1870s, according to atlases, it appears that many lots were not improved until after the turn of the century, as evidenced by their construction dates.

According to tax records, the construction dates of the buildings on Prince George Street range from 1825 to 2004. The greatest number of houses were constructed during the time period between 1890 and 1930, with the most being constructed in the decade of the 1890s, the 1910s, and the 1920s. The prevailing architectural style of the homes along the street reflect the Queen Anne style, with either a front-gabled roof over a narrow 2-story house or a cross-gabled roof over a gable and wing floor plan.

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Front porches with decorative woodwork remain on many of the homes, lending visual cohesiveness to the streetscapes. Other popular architectural styles along the street are American Four-squares, with their pyramidal roofs and projecting dormers, and Arts and Crafts bungalows, with their integral front porches. Several Italianate-style duplex homes can be found on the street, retaining their flat fronts and roofs and elaborate upper cornices with shell-motif friezes and bracketing. Colonial-revival-style homes are also present in the district. The table below describes each resource on Prince George Street.

Prince George Street – Northeastern Side

| Address | Building Type | Construction Date | Brief Description | Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC) |
|------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---|--|
| 305 Prince George Street | Parking lot | N?A | Parking | NC |
| 307 Prince George Street | Post office | 1997 | New Construction | NC |
| 323 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1918 | Queen (Qu.) Anne, 2-story, 5-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |
| 325 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1918 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 5-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |
| 329 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1920 | American (Am.) 4-Square, 2 story, 2-bay, pyramid roof, dormer | C |
| 331 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1878 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |
| 333 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1910 | Qu. Anne, 2 1/2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |
| 335-337 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1915 | Italianate, 2-story, 6-bay, brick, continuous porch, cornice, brackets | C |
| 339 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1910 | Qu. Anne, 2 1/2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |
| 401 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1914 | Qu. Anne, 2 1/2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |
| 403 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1924 | Colonial Revival (Co. Rev.), 2 1/2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled, dormers added | C |
| 405 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1899 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |
| 407 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1904 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |
| 409 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1865 | Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled | C |
| 411-413 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1847 | Italianate, 2-story, 6-bay, brick, continuous porch, cornice, brackets | C |
| 415 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1908 | Qu. Anne, 2 1/2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |
| 417 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1930 | American Foursquare, 2-story, 5-bay, pyramid roof, Addition | C |
| 419 Prince George Street | Vacant Land | 0 | | NC |
| 421 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1914 | Qu. Anne, 2 1/2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing | C |

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| | | | and ell, wrap porch | |
| 423 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1899 | Qu. Anne, 2 1/2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled, porch | C |
| 425 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1894 | Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, side-gable roof, porch over entry | C |
| 427 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1954 | Ranch, 1-story, hipped roof | C |
| 501 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1917 | Qu. Anne, 2 1/2-story, 5-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |
| 503 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1890 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 2-bay, front-gabled, porch | C |
| 505 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1890 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 2-bay, front-gabled, porch | C |
| 507 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1890 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 2-bay, front-gabled, porch, 1-story addition on side | C |
| 509 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1890 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 2-bay, front-gabled, porch | C |
| 511 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1825 | Georgian, 2-story, 4-bay, side gabled | C |
| 513 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1890 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |
| 515 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1890 | Qu. Anne, 2 1/2-story, 2-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |
| 605 Prince George Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1890 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch, addition on wing | C |
| 609 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1863 | Folk Victorian, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |
| 611 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1935 | Cape Cod, 1 1/2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled roof, 2 dormers | C |
| 613 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1930 | Tudor Rev., 2-story, 2-bay, side dormer | C |
| 615 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1935 | Col. Rev. 2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled | C |

Prince George Street - Southwestern side

| Address | Building Type | Construction Date | Brief Description | Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC) |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---|--|
| 312 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1920 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |
| 316 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1974 | New construction | NC |
| 318 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1880 | Qu. Anne, 2 1/2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled, porch | C |
| 320 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1919 | Qu. Anne, 2 1/2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled, porch | C |
| 328 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1904 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, cross-gabled | C |
| 330 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1919 | Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled | C |
| 332 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1914 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |

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|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------|--|--|
| 334 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1919 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |
| 336 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1919 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |
| 400 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1922 | American Foursquare, 2 1/2-story, 2-bay, pyramid roof, dormer | C |
| 408 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1929 | Col. Rev., 2 1/2-story, 2-bay, side-gable, dormer added | C |
| 410 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1920 | Bungalow, 1 1/2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled | C |
| 412 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1922 | American Foursquare, 2 1/2-story, 2-bay, pyramid roof, dormer | C |
| 414 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1882 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 2-bay, front-gabled, porch | C |
| 416 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1887 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 2-bay, front-gabled, porch | C |
| 418 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1890 | Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, cross-gabled roof added | C |
| 420 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1897 | American Foursquare, 2-story, 2-bay, pyramid roof, dormer | C |
| 500 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1976 | Townhouse | NC |
| 502 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1976 | Townhouse | NC |
| 504 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1976 | Townhouse | NC |
| 506 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1976 | Townhouse | NC |
| 508 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1976 | Townhouse | NC |
| 510 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1976 | Townhouse | NC |
| 512 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1900 | Col. Rev., 2 1/2 story, 5-bay, hipped roof | C |
| 516 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1870 | Col. Rev., 2 1/2 story, 5-bay, hipped roof | C |
| 518 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1987 | New construction | C |
| 606 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1880 | Qu. Anne, 2 1/2 story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |
| 608 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1920 | Bungalow, 1 1/2 story, 3-bay, front-gabled, integral porch | C |
| 610 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1871 | Folk Victorian, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |
| 612 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1920 | Bungalow, 1-story, 3-bay, front-gabled, integral porch | C |
| 614 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1920 | Bungalow, 1-story, 3-bay, front-gabled, projecting porch | C |
| 616 Prince George Street | Dwelling | 1900 | Qu. Anne, 2 1/2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch, orig. wood posts, shutters, windows | C |

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Side Streets – General Description

The Montgomery Street Historic District also includes the side streets running in a northeastern-southwestern direction between the southwestern side of Main Street and the southwestern side of Montgomery Street. They include Stanley Place, Fourth Street, Fifth Street, Sixth Street, Seventh Street, Eighth Street (or St. Mary's Place), Ninth Street (or Yellow Row), Tenth Street, and Eleventh Street. The streets are residential in character, except for both sides of Eighth Street, which contain the St. Mary of the Mills Church and associated buildings and the St. Vincent Pallotti High School, respectively. While most of the residences on the side streets are single-family homes, there is a long row of attached townhouses on Ninth Street, as well as two multiple-family units on the same street, one of which is the last of a row of ca. 1840 multiple-family housing units known as Yellow Row.

Stanley Place – Northwestern side

| Address | Building Type | Construction Date | Brief Description | Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|---|--|
| 203 Stanley Place | Dwelling | Ca. 1940 | American Small House, 1 1/2-story, 3-bay, brick, cross-gabled roofs | C |
| 205-207 Stanley Place | Dwelling-attached houses | Ca. 1990 | New construction | NC |

Stanley Place – Southeastern side

| Address | Building Type | Construction Date | Brief Description | Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC) |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---|--|
| 200 Stanley Place | Dwelling | Ca. 1900 | Qu. Anne, 2 1/2-story, 5-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |
| 202 Stanley Place | Dwelling | Ca. 1900 | Qu. Anne, 2 1/2-story, 5-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |

Fourth Street – Northwestern side

| Address | Building Type | Construction Date | Brief Description | Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC) |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---|--|
| 111 Fourth Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1900 | 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled | C |
| 205 Fourth Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1870 | Italianate, 2-story, 3-bay, cornice and brackets, porch | C |

Fourth Street – Southeastern side – No resources

Fifth Street – Northwestern side – No resources

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Fifth Street – Southeastern side

| Address | Building Type | Construction Date | Brief Description | Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC) |
|------------------|---------------|-------------------|---|--|
| 200 Fifth Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1900 | Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, gambrel roof, pent eave, side-gabled roof, | C |
| 204 Fifth Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1900 | Stick style, 2-story, 3-bay, broad porch, exposed brackets, steep pitch | C |
| 206 Fifth Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1930 | Craftsman bungalow, 1 ½ story, 3-bay, pyramid roof, dormer | C |

Sixth Street – Northwestern side

| Address | Building Type | Construction Date | Brief Description | Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC) |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---|--|
| 105 Sixth Street | Dwelling-Apt. bldg. | Ca. 1960 | New construction | NC |
| 109 Sixth Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1900 | Vernacular 2-story, 4-bay, side-gabled, porch | C |
| 111 Sixth Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1900 | Vernacular 2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled, porch | C |
| 113 Sixth Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1960 | Ranch, 1-story, 3-bay, side-gabled | C |
| 201 Sixth Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1900 | Vernacular, 2 ½-story, 3-bay, front-gabled, porch, original windows | NC |
| 203 Sixth Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1900 | 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |

Sixth Street – Southeastern side

| Address | Building Type | Construction Date | Brief Description | Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC) |
|------------------|---------------|-------------------|--|--|
| No address | Chapel | Ca. 1860 | 1-story, 3-bay, frame, clapboards | C |
| 200 Sixth Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1920 | Col. Rev., 2-story, 5-bay, side-gabled | C |
| 204 Sixth Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1880 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, porch | C |
| 206 Sixth Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1940 | American Small House, 1-story, 3-bay, brick, side-gabled | C |

Seventh Street – Northwestern side – no resources

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Seventh Street – Southeastern side

| Address | Building Type | Construction Date | Brief Description | Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC) |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|--|--|
| 108 Seventh Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1930 | Cape Cod, 1 1/2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled, vinyl | C |
| 110 Seventh Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1930 | Cape Cod, 1 1/2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled, vinyl | C |

Eighth Street – Northwestern side

| Address | Building Type | Construction Date | Brief Description | Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC) |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| St. Vincent Pallotti High School | Educational | 1957 | 3-story, brick | C |

Eighth Street – Southeastern side

| Address | Building Type | Construction Date | Brief Description | Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC) |
|---|---------------|-------------------|---|--|
| 114 Eighth Street (or St. Mary's Place) | Church | 1843 | Church and associated schools, 1-story, front and side-gabled, stone, brick, 4-story bell tower | C |
| Address Unknown | Hall | Ca. 1900 | 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled, brick foundation, projecting porch, gables, shed-roof addition, | C |

Ninth Street – Northwestern side

| Address | Building Type | Construction Date | Brief Description | Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC) |
|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| 115-121 Ninth Street | Dwelling-4-unit | ca. 1960 | Vernacular, 2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled, brick | NC |
| 123 Ninth Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1840 | Vernacular, 2 1/2 story, 5-bay, side-gabled, brick, wood lintels and sills | C |
| 203-223 Ninth Street | Dwelling-attached townhouses | Ca. 1870 | Italianate, 2-story, 2-bay, brick or other material for veneer, original cornice and brackets, enclosed front porch added to 6 buildings | |

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Ninth Street – Southeastern side

| Address | Building Type | Construction Date | Brief Description | Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC) |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--|--|
| 220 Ninth Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1900 | Italianate, 2-story, 2-bay, front-gabled, porch | C |
| 222-224 Ninth Street | Dwelling-duplex | Ca. 1890 | Italianate, 2-story, 4-bay, brick, cornice and brackets, addition, enclosed porch on front | C |

Tenth Street – Northwestern Side

| Address | Building Type | Construction Date | Brief Description | Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC) |
|------------------|---------------|-------------------|---|--|
| 201 Tenth Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1900 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, porch | C |
| 203 Tenth Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1900 | Qu. Anne, 2 1/2-story, 5-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch | C |
| 205 Tenth Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1900 | Qu. Anne, 2 1/2-story, 5-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, enclosed porch | C |
| 207 Tenth Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1860 | Folk Victorian, 2-story, 2-bay, side-gabled, porch | C |
| 209 Tenth Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1860 | Folk Victorian, 2-story, 2-bay, side-gabled, porch | C |
| 211 Tenth Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1860 | Folk Victorian, 2-story, 2-bay, side-gabled, porch | C |

Tenth Street – Southeastern side

| Address | Building Type | Construction Date | Brief Description | Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC) |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--|--|
| 200 Tenth Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1860 | Vernacular, 2-story, 4-bay, side-gabled | C |
| 204 Tenth Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1860 | Vernacular, 2-story, 5-bay, side-gabled, screened in porch | C |
| 206 Tenth Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1900 | Vernacular, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, porch | C |
| 210-212 Tenth Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1860 | Vernacular, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, porch | C |
| 214A-216A Tenth Street | Dwelling-duplex | Ca. 1860 | Italianate, 2-story, 4-bay, cornice and brackets | C |

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Eleventh Street – Northwestern Side

| Address | Building Type | Construction Date | Brief Description | Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC) |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--|--|
| 201A Eleventh Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1890 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 2-bay, side-gabled, porch | C |
| 201 Eleventh Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1890 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, porch | C |
| 203 Eleventh Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1890 | No style, 2-story, 4-bay, much altered front-gabled wing and ell, brick veneer | NC |
| 205 Eleventh Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1890 | No style, 2-story, 4-bay, much altered front-gabled wing and ell, | NC |
| 207 Eleventh Street | Dwelling-duplex | Ca. 1890 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 2-bay, front-gabled, porch | C |
| 209 Eleventh Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1890 | Qu. Anne, 2-story, 2-bay, front-gabled, porch | C |
| 211 Eleventh Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1970 | New Construction | NC |

Eleventh Street – Southeastern side

| Address | Building Type | Construction Date | Brief Description | Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC) |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---|--|
| 200 Eleventh Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1900 | Neoclassical, 2-story, 3-bay, 2-story porch, Qu. Anne-style renovated in 1960s. | NC |
| 202 Eleventh Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1960 | New construction | NC |
| 204 Eleventh Street | Dwelling-duplex | Ca. 1860 | Italianate, 2-story, 4-bay, flat roof, original cornice and brackets | C |
| 206 Eleventh Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1960 | New construction | NC |
| 210 Eleventh Street | Dwelling | Ca. 1960 | New construction | NC |

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| Period | Areas of Significance | Check and justify below | | |
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| X 1800-1899 | X architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government |
| X 1900-1999 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
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| | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> social history |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime history | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____ |

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates 1840 - 1960

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Narrative Discussion of History of Resource

Located in the middle of the City of Laurel, the Montgomery Street Historic District is an intact community comprised mostly of residential dwellings constructed generally between circa 1850 and 1960. Prince George Street was the first all-residential street in the town, and Montgomery Street soon followed. While the district is mostly residential in character, scattered throughout the community are several schools, recreational facilities, a National Guard Armory facility, and a handful of retail stores.

Regional History

The area surrounding the present-day City of Laurel in Prince George's County, Maryland, was first settled by members of the Snowden family, one of the founding families of Maryland, during the latter half of the 17th century and early 18th century. Laurel is on land that was originally patented to Richard Snowden in 1715 as "Snowden's New Birmingham Manor" in Prince George's County. At the time, Snowden's estate already was approximately 3,000 acres in size, extending from Old Columbia Pike to the present city of Laurel and from south of Greencastle and Van Dusen Roads to north of Sandy Spring Road. The 1715 patent increased the already substantial Snowden land holdings, and by 1743 the estate had grown to 9,265 acres.

The Laurel area became a location for manufacturing as early as the first half of the 18th century, distinguishing it from the rest of rural Prince George's County. Manufacturing activity on the Patuxent River dates back to 1736 when the Snowden family established the Patuxent River Iron Works. Almost a century later in 1811, descendent Nicholas Snowden constructed a stone grist mill building on the banks of the Patuxent River as well as a dam across the river at the location of what is now Ninth Street in Laurel. In 1824, Nicholas Snowden leased the mill for a period of 12 years to Mr. Johnson, transformed the grist mill into a factory for spinning cotton yarn, known as the Cotton Manufacturing Motive of Laurel. Mr. Johnson installed equipment that enabled it to convert raw cotton into twisted thread that was then used elsewhere in the manufacture of cotton cloth. The mill was successful and at one time reportedly employed 100 adults. Another local businessman, Robert Pilsen, some time prior to 1835, soon installed the first loom in the mill that enabled the weaving of cotton cloth in the factory.

Nicholas Snowden died in 1831, and his estate, Montpelier, was subdivided among his children. His daughter, Eliza, received what was called the Bank Quarter, which contained the bank of iron ore. A leftover undivided portion along the Patuxent River, contained approximately 100 acres, the Snowden's stone mansion, the mill buildings, several log houses, and a well-used farm where successive crops of tobacco and corn had been cultivated. The parcel's location was invaluable because of the exceptional water power provided by the river.

The 1835 completion of the Baltimore and Ohio (B & O) Railroad Company's new railroad line through Laurel, located just over one mile east of the mill, contributed to the attractiveness of the mill location. The railroad, which was to connect Baltimore with Washington D.C., promised easier access to new markets, both for raw materials and finished products. Access to other markets was previously gained by travel from the mill eastward via Main Street to the Washington-Baltimore Turnpike, which was chartered by the state of Maryland in 1812.

The location and easy access to the railroad and the turnpike were not lost on Snowden's heirs, which included son-in-law Horace Capron, Louisa's husband and a member of the Capron family of Attleboro, Massachusetts. Snowden had previously worked at a mill at Savage, Maryland, prior to turning his attentions to the lands of the former New Birmingham Manor. On

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January 28, 1836, Horace Capron joined other Snowden family members in a new business venture. Capron, along with Dr. Theodore Jenkins (brother-in-law of Capron and neighbor of the Snowdens at New Birmingham Manor), Elizabeth Snowden (Capron's mother-in-law), Osmond C. Tiffany (Capron's first cousin from another Attleboro, Massachusetts, family) A.E. Hall, and W.C. Shaw incorporated a new company, the Patuxent Company, for the purpose of manufacturing and selling cotton, iron, and other articles at the site of the mill and farm. The Snowden children's land holdings were combined and transferred when Horace Capron and his wife, Charles Hill and his wife, and Dr. Theodore Jenkins and his wife, conveyed their inherited lands to the Patuxent Company. Deeds for property and stock also were transferred by Osmond Tiffany, Comfort Tiffany, and several Capron cousins, who also were involved in mill activities elsewhere.

Shortly after its incorporation in 1835, the Patuxent Company constructed housing for its mill workers in the vicinity of the mill. Merchants established stores and businesses to support the employees and their families, and the town, known as Laurel Factory, started to grow. Churches, schools, and social halls were established as well, first in the western end near the mill, then in locations east of the mill as the town advanced eastward along Main Street toward the turnpike and newly constructed railroad through town.

Laurel Factory, as it was called in the beginning, grew quickly in the middle of the 19th century as businesses, churches, a social hall, and schools were established to meet the needs of the fledgling community. Located in the western end of the town near the mill, the first churches included a Protestant Episcopal, a Methodist, and a Catholic Church. A schoolhouse and an assembly hall were built south of the mill building. According to Thomson's Mercantile and Professional Directory, Laurel Factory had its own post office by 1851. Growth occurred after the Civil War period in Laurel with assistance from the Laurel Building Association, incorporated in 1869 for the primary purpose of enabling the accumulation of capital for its members to procure loans, purchase real or leasehold property, and to construct buildings. Additional interest in land investment and settlement in Laurel came from government employees who had become familiar with the town from traveling through it by train en route to Washington, D.C. Large parcels on the railroad tracks' eastern side were purchased and large homes built, as indicated by the 1878 Hopkins atlas. Others started arriving from the capital and purchased lots for homes on the newly constructed Second Street which was in close proximity to the railroad station. In 1875, the town of Laurel Factory had been incorporated and its name changed to Laurel.

History of Resource

Along with land on the northeastern side of Main Street, land on the southwestern side also was part of the original Snowden estate, "New Birmingham Manor." After Nicholas Snowden's 1831 death, his land was divided and conveyed to his children, two of which were Juliana and Eliza Snowden. Juliana (who was married to Dr. Theodore Jenkins) apparently received Lots 1 and 2, located in the western end of the town, and the other daughter, Eliza (who remained single, joined the Georgetown Convent, and received her habit in 1847) inherited a part of Lots 1 and 2 and also Lot 8, which was located between the Baltimore and Washington Turnpike and the Laurel Factory mill to the west, and between Main Street on the north to a point south of it (boundary unknown). It appears that in the late 1830s and 1840s the children started to sell off their land. Both Dr. Jenkins and his wife and Eliza sold Lots 1 and 2 to Horace Capron on March 21, 1843 (DB 3, P. 1). Richard Snowden and his wife, Elizabeth, acquired some of Lot 8 and subsequently conveyed a large tract of Lot 8 to Horace Capron on August 29, 1839 (DB AB 12, P. 367). By the mid 1840s Horace Capron owned much, if not all of the land south of Main Street, including what would become the Montgomery Street Historic District. On a portion of his land south of Main Street, Capron had a 610-acre farm.

On April 24, 1847, Eliza Snowden sold to Dr. Jenkins and his wife a 66-acre tract on the northern side of what would become Montgomery Street between Church Street and Yellow Row (Ninth Street) (DB JBB 5, P. 69). Three years later on February 15, 1850, the Jenkins' conveyed the same tract to the President and Directors of Georgetown College (DB FS 2, P. 437), where Jenkins had received his education and degree. Fifteen years later on August 31, 1865, the President and Directors of Georgetown College conveyed the land, except for one acre where St. Mary's Chapel stood, to Eliza, Susan, Catherine, and Hester Cronmiller (DB 3, P. 535). The land surrounding the church stayed in the Cronmiller family until it was subdivided and sold by the sisters in the 1880s and beyond. Following the subdivision of the Cronmiller land in the central part of what is now

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Montgomery Street, new property owners started improving the land and building dwellings, many of which remain in the historic district.

It appears that Horace Capron met with financial hardship because in late 1849 he sold off portions of his property on both sides of Main Street to a number of people, including a large parcel (size unknown) on the northeastern side of Main Street lying between the Laurel factory and the Washington and Baltimore Turnpike to James and Jesse Duvall on December 17, 1849. After applying to the State of Maryland for insolvency (bankruptcy) six months later on April 1, 1850, Capron was directed by Orphan's Court to convey his 610-acre farm on the southwestern side of Main Street, household goods, and furniture for \$1.00 to trustees Thomas S. Alexander and George W. Dobbin (DB JJB 6, P. 331). At a public auction on May 21, 1850, the trustees sold the 610-acre farm to Thomas Wilson of John (name was recorded on deed as such) for \$28,060.00 (DB CSM 1, P. 151). Thomas Wilson of John named the tract "Laurel Farm" and owned it for the next ten years. On November 27, 1861, Thomas Wilson of John and his wife sold Laurel Farm to Thomas Jefferson Talbott for \$27,200.00 (DB 1, P. 27). After Talbott's death, trustees for his property, Charles Stanley, Michael Bannon, and Edwin Higgins, sold part of the land to Honora Talbott (DB HB 13, P. 474) at a public sale, another large portion to land speculators Arthur Pue Gorman and partner James Kemp, and lots on the southwestern side of Main Street to individual parties, as evidenced by the 1878 Hopkins map.

Following the death of Thomas J. Talbott, his land was subdivided into building lots, and streets were constructed through the land, including Prince George Street and Stanley Place. Lots were sold off, and residential development occurred from the late 1870s through the 1930s, as the area became a fashionable and popular place to live for the town's growing business class. According to the 1878 Hopkins atlas, the land bordered by Main and Prince George Street and by Washington Boulevard and Fourth Street had been subdivided into narrow lots (narrower than those on Montgomery Street) and purchased by local and outside investors, including John Miles, Burnham, J.F. Flester, C.F. Shaffer, Sarah and Emily Talbott, J.F. Myer, J.N. Herbert, and Armand Jardin. Lots on Prince George Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets were subdivided and sold to owners, including Rose Diven, J.A. Crandle, Donaldson, and L.A. Miles. The lots on Prince George Street between Fifth and Patuxent Street (later Seventh Street) was owned by the Cronmiller sisters and later subdivided and sold.

Honora Talbott and Emily F. and Sarah E. Talbott retained portions of the land on the northeastern side of Montgomery Street between the turnpike and Fourth Street. Stanley Place was later cut through the parcel, but the original Talbott house still remains on Prince George Street and is known as the Talbott Mansion. On the southwestern side of Montgomery Street between the turnpike and Fifth Street, the land was owned by Arthur Pue Gorman (distant relative to the Warfields, local businessman, future U.S. Senator, and President of the Baltimore and Ohio Canal Company) who purchased a large portion of the Talbott land with business partner James Kemp and subdivided part of the land into 38 building lots for residential development. The land on both sides of Montgomery Street between Fifth and Church Streets was owned by the Cronmiller sisters and later subdivided and sold. The land between Church Street and Walker's Branch was owned by Laurel Mills, William Warfield, and Warfield and Whiteside. Some of Warfield's land was subsequently sold by his trustee, Charles Stanley, and his widow to Phelps and Shaffer. The land beyond Ninth Street on the northern side of Montgomery Street had been subdivided in the mid- to late- 1900s, and worker housing was constructed on what is now Tenth and Eleventh Streets and is also a part of the Montgomery Street Historic District.

Some time prior to 1887, it appears that Kemp sold his interest in the Talbott subdivision to the firm of Phelps and Shaffer. Approximately between the years of 1887 and the mid 1890s, the remaining three partners, known as Gorman, Phelps, and Shaffer, sold the Talbott tract lots, many of which were on both sides of the eastern end of Montgomery Street and which are now in the Montgomery Street Historic District. In the mid-section of Montgomery Street on the northern side, it appears that the Cronmiller sisters sold and also leased individual lots in the 1880s. By the early 1890s it appears that a business partnership had formed between the Cronmillers and other land speculators in Laurel. The Cronmiller sisters sold some of their interest in their land on the southern side of Montgomery Street between Fifth and Church Streets and joined Charles H. Stanley, and Phelps and Shaffer in the formation of a subdivision called Laurel Park (DB JWB 24 P. 107). Farther west on Montgomery Street, Warfield's trustee, Charles H. Stanley, and Warfield's widow sold off lots from Warfield's tract there.

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Newspaper accounts from the September and October 1889 issues of the *Laurel News Leader* mention some of the homebuilders in the area, including Mr. Henry Shaffer who constructed a house on Montgomery Street for a Mr. Alfred Fairall and Messrs. Crandle and Donaldson, architects and builders of new homes on Laurel Avenue. The firm Ellis and Nichols also designed and constructed some of the homes in the neighborhood.

Although the majority of buildings in the neighborhood are residential structures, several are religious and educational. Saint Mary of the Mills sits between Seventh and Eight Streets. Originally a Jesuit mission with a small chapel constructed under the sponsorship of Dr. Jenkins in 1848, the chapel grew with the addition of an extension in 1890 and another one in 1959. A parish school was built in 1893 and replaced with the St. Mary's School in 1953, all of which still stand. By the 1900s the Snowden mansion had become Saint Mildred's Academy and was demolished in 1957, when the St. Vincent Pallotti High School was constructed between Eighth and Ninth Streets.

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10. Geographical Data

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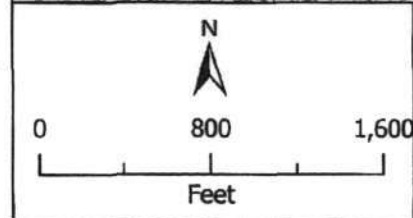
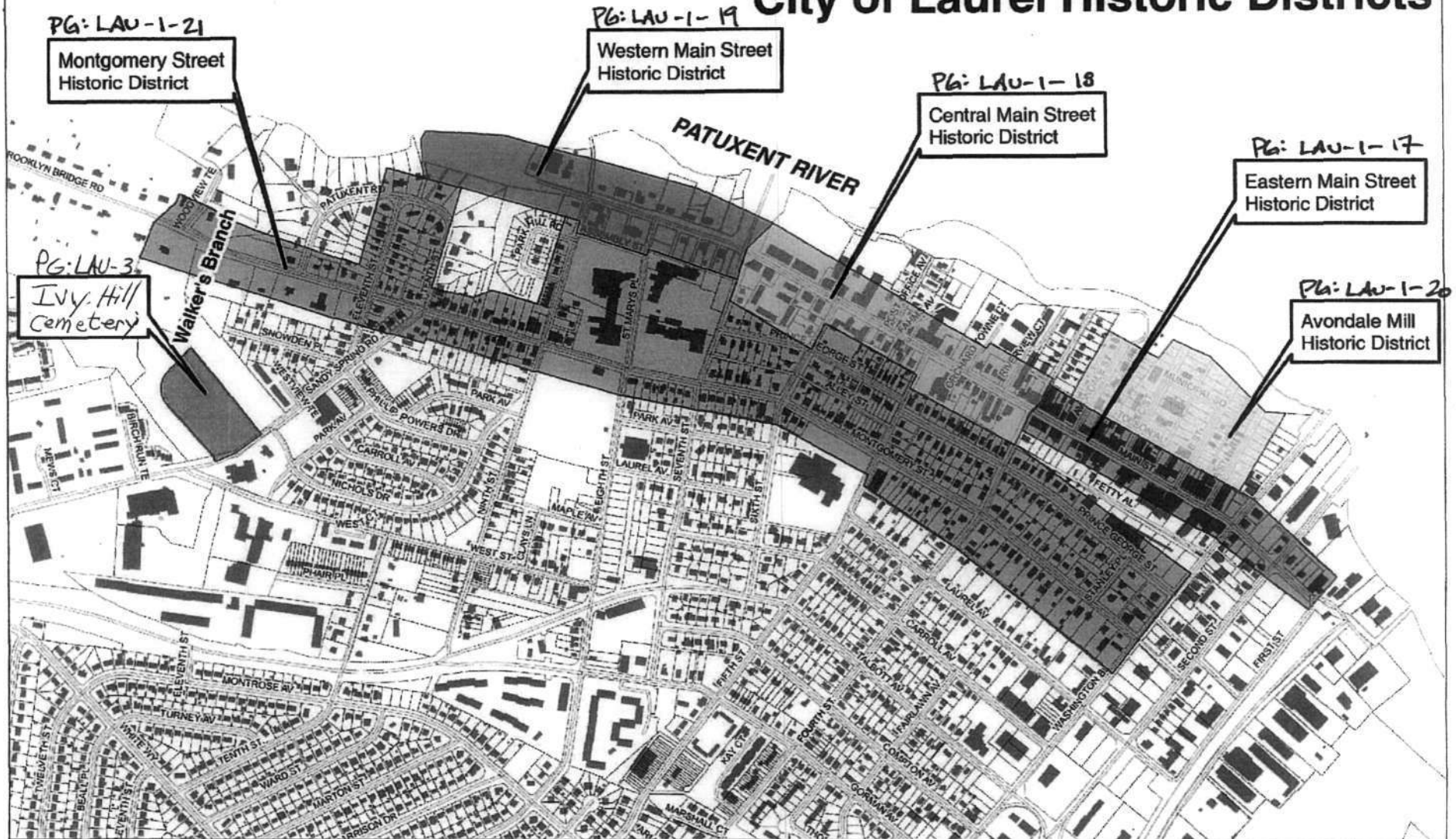
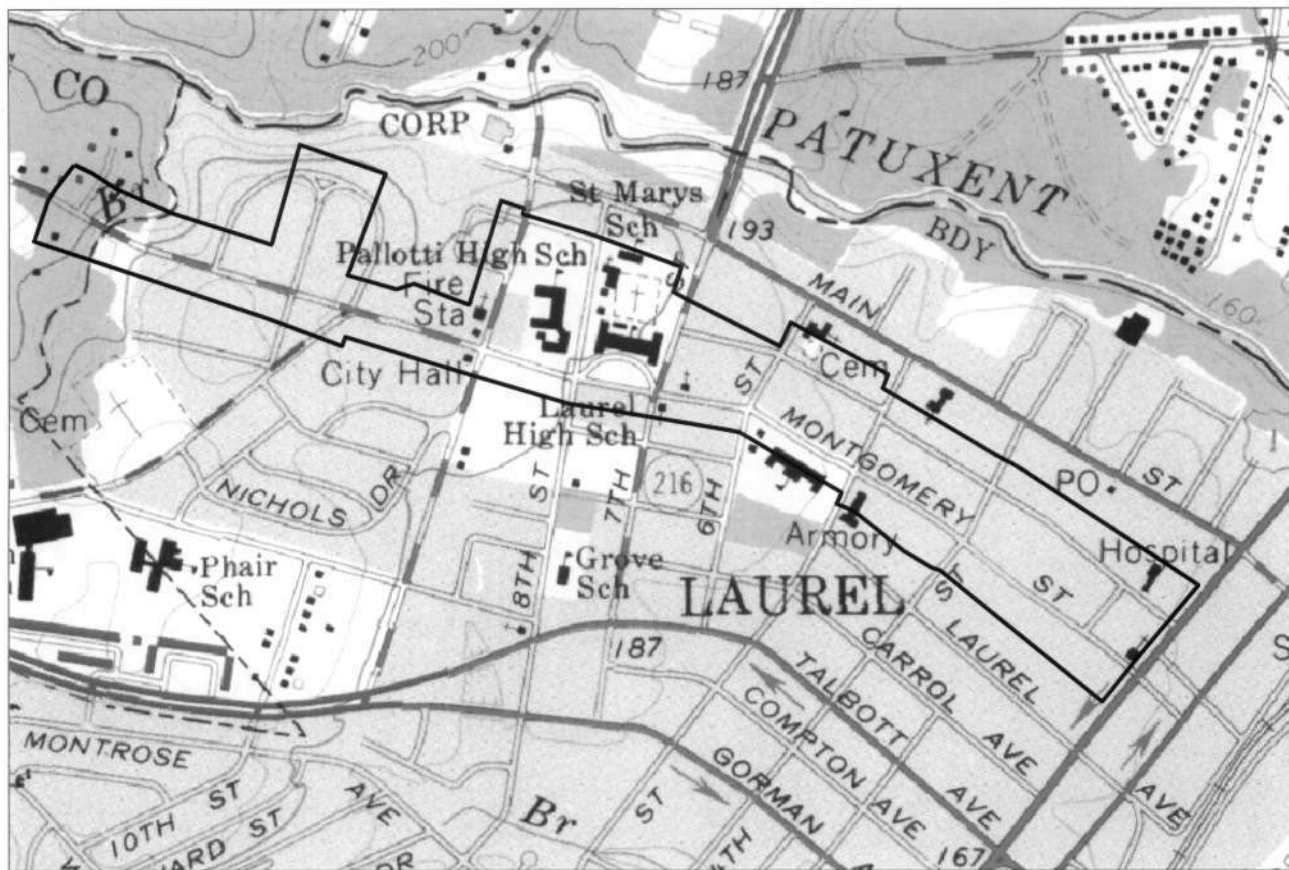


Figure 2
Historic Districts to be Surveyed
Laurel Historic District
Architectural Survey and Analysis
City of Laurel, Prince George's County, Maryland
Research Design

Source: City of Laurel
Department of Public Works

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Montgomery Street Historic District
Laurel
Laurel Quad



National Web Map Service 6" Orthophoto Map, c. 2007-08



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 Montgomery Street Historic District
 Between Washington Blvd. and Eleventh St. and Main and Montgomery Sts.
 Laurel, Prince Georges County, Maryland

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327 Main St.

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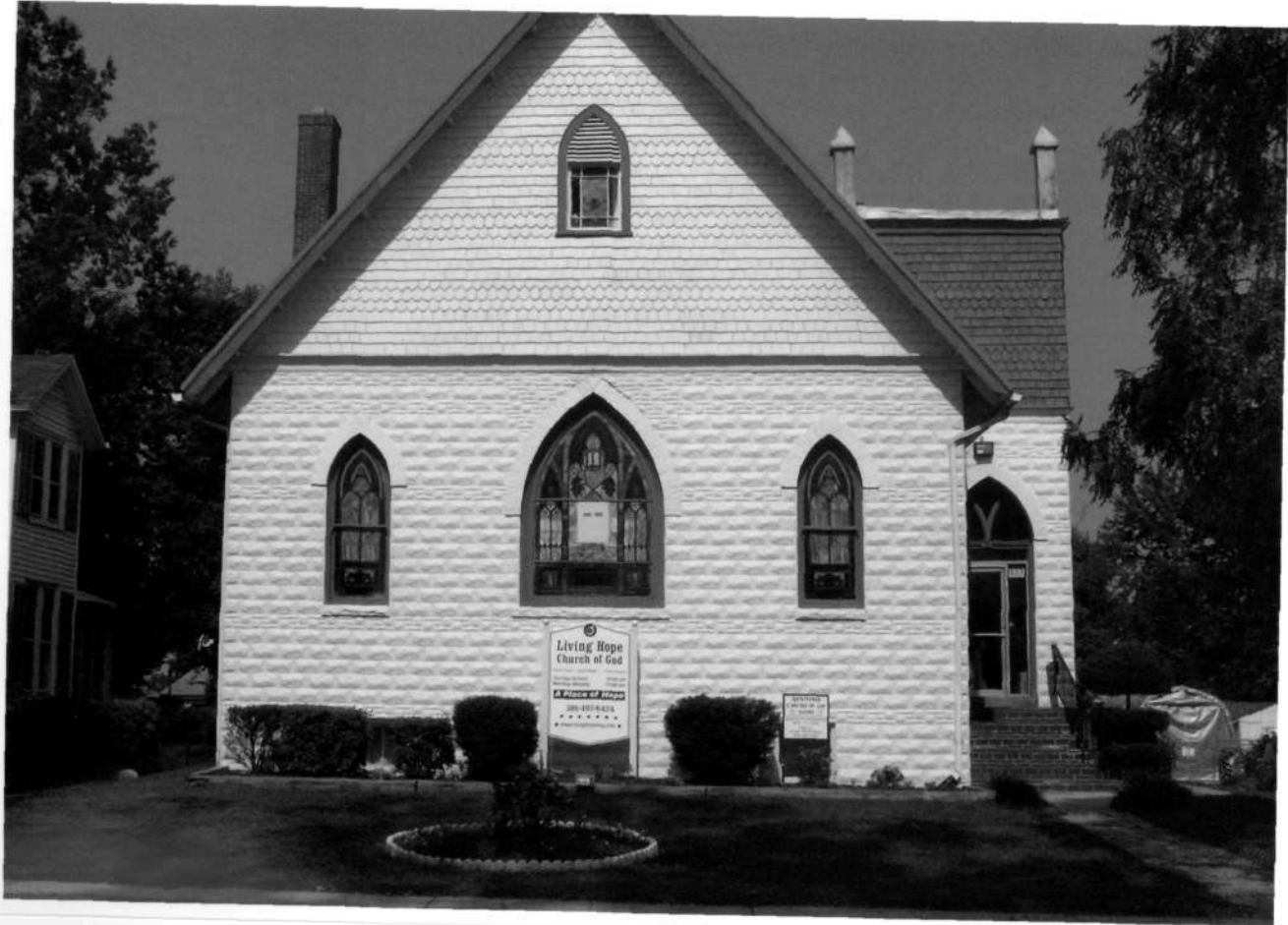
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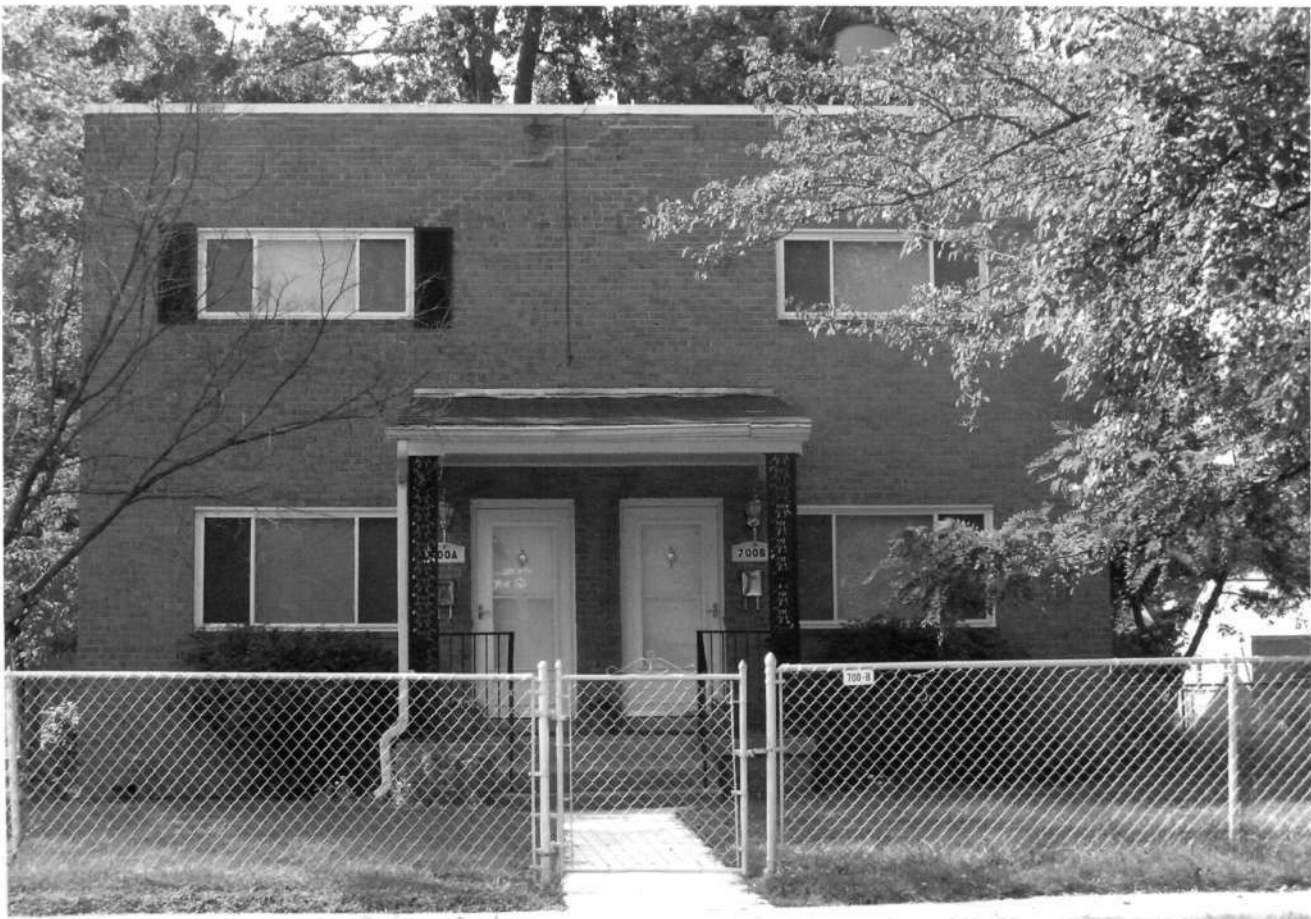
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325-327 Prince George St

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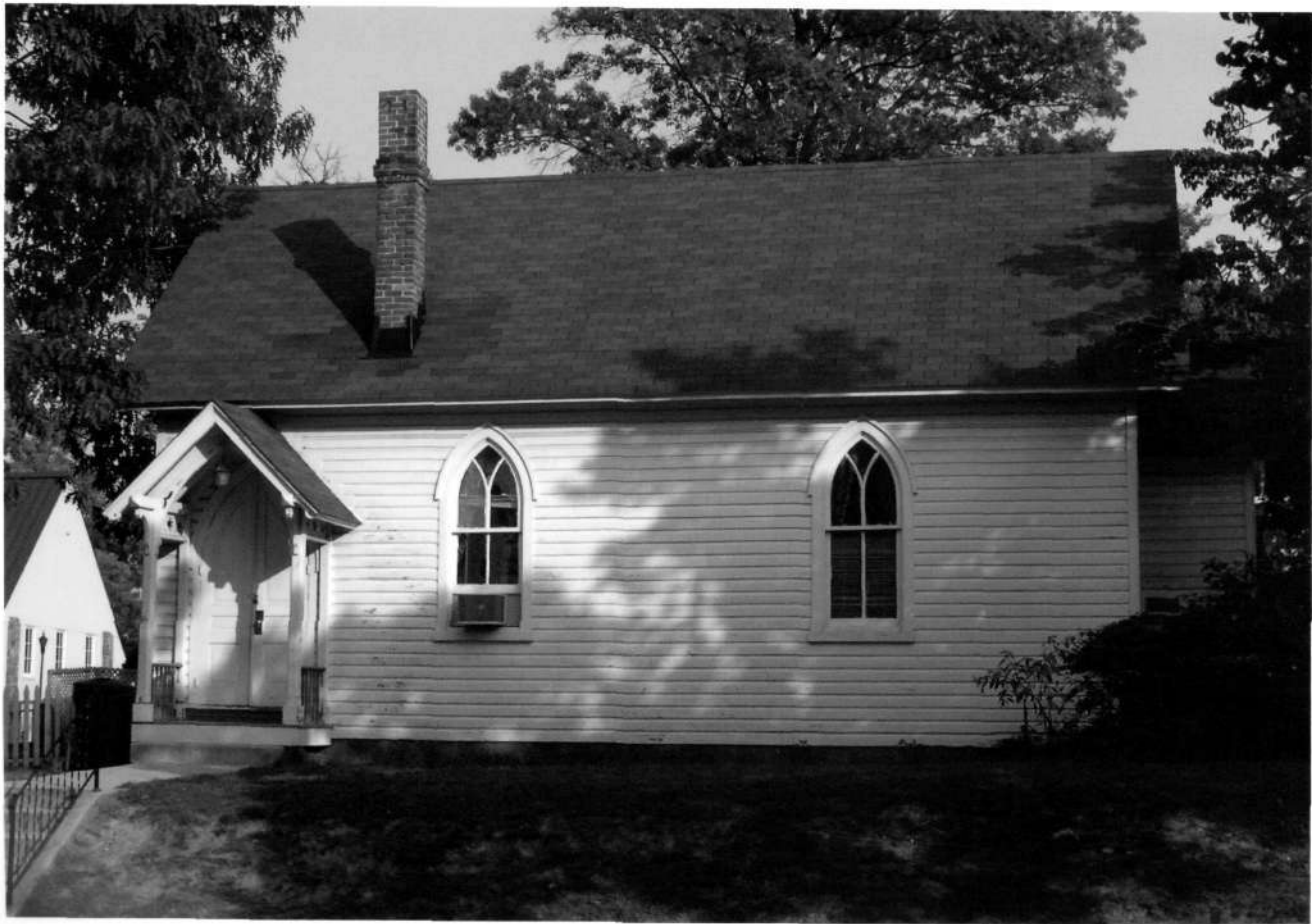
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Chapel on Fourth St.

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MD StPD

Contrib. resource, facing SE

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St. Mary of the Mills, Eighth St

Po Co. MD

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MD SHPO

Contrib. resource, facing NE

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213-201 Ninth St

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